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IV. REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

1. The Sub-Commission considered agenda item 3 at its 22nd, 26th and 36th meetings, on 17, 19 and 26 August 1994.

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 17 August 1994, the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session, Mr. Peter van Wulfften Palthe, addressed the Sub-Commission.

3. At the 26th meeting, on 19 August 1994, Mrs. Warzazi, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the sessional Working Group on Methods of Work of the Sub-Commission, presented the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/3).

4. In the general debate on the item, statements 1/ were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Mr. Alfonso Martínez (22nd), Mr. Bossuyt (36th), Ms. Chavez (26th, 36th), Mr. Chernichenko (26th), Mrs. Daes (22nd), Mrs. Forero Ucros (26th), Ms. Gwanmesia (22nd, 26th), Mr. Lindgren Alves (26th), Mr. Maxim (26th), Ms. Palley (22nd, 26th), Mrs. Warzazi (26th), Mr. Yimer (22nd, 26th) and Mr. Zhong (22nd, 26th).

5. A statement was made by the observer for the Ukraine (26th).

6. The Sub-Commission also heard a joint statement made by Amnesty International on behalf 27 non-governmental organizations (26th).

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights

7. At the 37th meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/L.30/Rev.1, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mrs. Daes, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Fan, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mrs. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, Mrs. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer. Mr. Eide, Mrs. Gwanmesia and Mr. Khalil subsequently joined as sponsors.

1/ The number in parentheses following the names of States or organizations indicates the meeting at which the statement was made.

8. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

9. For the text as adopted see chapter II, section A, resolution 1994/32.

Sessional Working Group on Methods of Work of the Sub-Commission

10. At the 36th meeting, on 26 August 1994, Mr. Lindgren Alves orally proposed a draft decision concerning the sessional Working Group on Methods of Work of the Sub-Commission, the edited version of which read as follows:

"At its ..th meeting, on .. August 1994, the Sub-Commission decided, without a vote:

(a) To adopt the report of its sessional Working Group on the Methods of Work of the Sub-Commission, established pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 1993/4 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/3), including its recommendations, which should be strictly adhered to:

(b) That, at its forty-seventh session, on an experimental basis, item 6 will be considered as soon as the agenda is approved, to be followed immediately by agenda item 9, if the necessary documentation is available;

(c) To reconvene the sessional Working Group on the Methods of Work of the Sub-Commission to examine the advisability of adopting the practice suggested in subparagraph (b) for future sessions of the Sub-Commission."

11. At the same meeting, statements with regard to the proposal made by Mr. Lindgren Alves were made by Mr. Bossuyt, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Eide, Mr. Lindgren Alves and Ms. Palley.

12. The Sub-Commission subsequently decided to postpone consideration of the draft decision.

13. At its 37th meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Sub-Commission resumed consideration of the draft decision.

14. Statements in connection with the draft decision were made by Ms. Chavez, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fan, Ms. Ferriol Echevarría, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mr. Ibarra, Mr. Khan and Mr. Lindgren Alves.

15. At the same meeting, Mr. Lindgren Alves orally revised the draft decision by deleting, in subparagraph (b), the text beginning with the words "to be followed immediately" until the end of the subparagraph.

16. At the request of Mr. Bossuyt, a vote was taken on the draft decision.

17. The draft decision, as revised, was adopted by 14 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.

8. For the text of the decision, see chapter II, decision 1994/117.